

REMARKS

A. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have revised independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 13 to include features of dependent claims 2, 7, 11 and 14, respectfully.

B. THE SECTION §102 AND §103 REJECTIONS

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a) are moot based on the claim revisions indicated above. based on Chen et al. ("Chen"). For at least the reasons set forth below, the Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse these rejections.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12, 13 and 15.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

Account No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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